[*English*]

Purchase of Cows from Abroad

5747. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have purchased cows from foreign countries during the last three years for increasing the milk yield; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Assistance to Viklang Balika Vikas Griha in Madhya Pradesh

5748. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Viklang Balika Vikas Grihas running at present in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Union :Government are extending any financial assistance to these Grihas; and

(c) if so, the financial assistance provided to each of them during the last there years?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). There are no Viklang Balika Vikas Grihas in Madhy Pradesh which receive assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Disabled and, Purchase/Fitting of aids/ appliances for the disabled.

[*Translation*]

Petrol Pumps Under Oil Companies in U.P.

5749. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps directly run by oil companies in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details in regard to profit and loss made by these companies for operation of these petrol pumps during each of the last three years; and

(c) the efforts made by the these companies to provide better services to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 1 (one), commissioned on November 8, 1989.

(b) 1989-90 : (-) Rs. 47.872.
1990-91 : (-) Rs. 1, 15,424.

(c) All necessary amenities are being provided.

[*English*]

Starvation in Madhya Pradesh

5750. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Eating cats and monkeys to stay alive' appearing in the ' Indian Express' dated march 9, 1992;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to extend its help to the tribals living in starvation in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The government of Madhya Pradesh have inquired into he reports of the starvation deaths in the state in the wake of drought conditions and found that they were not based on facts.

(c) The relief measures taken by the State Government in the wake of drought conditions, particularly in tribal areas, include the following:

(i) Adequate foodgrains have been made available in the fair price shops in tribal areas of Surguna district and particularly in Wadrafnagar tehsil through a network of 403 food distribution centres and 8 mobile vans.

(ii) 1670 relief work are going on in the district employing on an average more than 48000 people daily. In Wadrafnagar tehsil only, 94 works are going on employing more than 10000 labourers on daily basis.

(iii) A team of doctors is regularly visiting the rural areas of Wadrafnagar tehsil to give medical aid.

Area Under Oilseed Cultivation

5751. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area in hectares under cultivation of groundnut and other oilseeds during the last three years;

(b) whether any step has been taken to increase the area under cultivation of groundnut and other oilseeds in view of rising prices of edible oils; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A detailed giving area under nine oilseeds in India during 1988-89, 1990-91 is given in attached statement.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. A scheme namely Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is under implementation in 282 districts selected acrose 18 oilseed growing States. The strategy adopted under OPP is to achieve higher production by both increasing the productivity and expansion of area through increasing production and availalbility of seed, distribution of seed minikits, plant protection measures, demonstration of improved farm technology, front line deamonstration by ICAR/State Agricultural Universities, distribution of Rhizobium culture etc.